

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. In the final Office Action of April 17, 2008, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-46 of U.S. 6,418,444.
- B.) Rejected claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-69 of U.S. 6,742,006.
- C.) Provisionally rejected claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending application no. U.S. 10/743,929.
- D.) Rejected claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Montgomery, et al.* (U.S. 7,127,605) (“*Montgomery*”).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and addresses the Examiner’s disposition below. Claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 21, and 27 have been amended.

- A.) Rejection of claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-46 of U.S. 6,418,444 (“the ’444 patent”):

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

For at least this reason, Applicant submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

- B.) Rejection of claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-69 of U.S. 6,742,006 (“the ’006 patent”):

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For at least this reason, Applicant submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

- C.) Provisional rejection of claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending application no. U.S. 10/743,929:

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D.) Rejection of claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Montgomery, et al.* (U.S. 7,127,605) (“*Montgomery*”):

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Independent claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 21, and 27 each claim subject matter relating to determining whether a first security identification can be authenticated before it is presented to a firewall control block. When it is determined that the first security identification can be authenticated, then the first security identification is presented to a firewall control block or Java™ compliant applet.

Item D) Regarding the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection, we disagree with the Examiner. The claimed invention claims subject matter relating to determining whether a security identification can be authenticated before it is presented to a firewall control block. The Examiner cites to several passages from *Montgomery* that describe various security mechanisms. However, none of the cited passages teach authenticating a security identification before it is presented to a firewall control block. Instead, it is our opinion that *Montgomery* clearly teaches authenticating a client at a server, which is behind a firewall (see *Montgomery* Figure 4). Therefore, we recommend maintaining the claims in their present form and arguing that *Montgomery* fails to anticipate the claimed invention.

This is clearly unlike *Montgomery*, which fails to teach determining whether a first security identification can be authenticated before presenting it to a firewall control block or Java™ compliant applet. The Examiner cites to several passages from *Montgomery* that describe various security mechanisms. *Montgomery* teaches a system in which various security methods are enforced. See, e.g., *Montgomery* 5:3-52. However, none of the cited passages teach determining whether a security identification can be authenticated before it is presented to a firewall control block or Java™ compliant applet. Instead, *Montgomery* merely teaches authenticating a client at a server, which is behind a firewall (see, e.g., *Montgomery* Figure 4).

Therefore, *Montgomery* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 21, and 27.

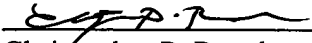
Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15-20, 22-26, and 28-31 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 21 or 27 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 21, and 27 are allowable.

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-31 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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